

than can be truthfully said of any other state in the Union. Brother Shively has our thanks and the thanks of the Publication Board for his faithful service in the interests of our literature.

THE world is slow to recognize the fact and accept the truth that Christ and Christ alone is Christianity. Christ is the center of the plan of human redemption. A religion without Christ in it is without saving power, and Christianity is therefore the only religion that saves men and women from sin and prepares them for heaven. It saves because Christ is its center. Take Christ out of it and there remains nothing but a lifeless code of laws which may make for morality but will lack all saving grace.

ON Monday, June 14, the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. inaugurated daily Observation Car Service on the afternoon Vestibuled Limited train, leaving Grand Central Passenger Station, Chicago, at 3:30 P. M. for Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, thus affording patrons exceptional facilities for enjoying the superb scenery which has earned for the line its popular soubriquet, "Picturesque B. & O." These cars run through without change between Chicago and Baltimore via Pittsburg and Washington.

OUR Subscription list is growing nicely and we earnestly urge upon all our pastors and agents to make one united effort to reach 2500 by the time of National Conference. Please make a careful canvass of your congregations and if there are any members whose subscriptions you can not secure kindly send us the names of such and perhaps a correspondence with the House will help them. Now is the time to get these subscriptions for the paper is but fifty cents to the end of the year.

THERE is a feature about all our conferences which is highly commendable, a feature which was lacking in a very large degree when we first began the work; we refer to the Spirit of God which seems to characterize all the deliberations of these meetings. There is apparently no "jarring," no "friction," no self-seeking. On the other hand the most kindly and Christian spirit prevail in all the discussions. We are beginning to understand each other better, and the exercise of the spirit of charity in all things is a sign of true progress. May the Holy Spirit of God guide us in all we say and do; then may we be assured that our work will meet the divine approval.

THE work of National Conference should begin now. First of all remember the date and place—Johnstown, Pa., beginning August 24. Begin to get ready now. See to it that your work is out of the way when the time comes so that nothing may come between you and conference. Your presence will be needed; there will be something for you to do, and if not, you can not afford to miss the inspiration that comes from such a meeting. It is very desirable that every congregation in the entire brotherhood be represented, if not in person then by letter. Blank forms will be sent to all ministers in the brotherhood, and those who find it impossible to attend the meeting are earnestly requested to fill out these blank forms and forward them to the secretary of the conference.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Those desiring information concerning National Conference so far as it relates to entertainment, lodging, accommodations, etc., will please write to J. E. Parsons, Johnstown, Pa., enclosing a two cent stamp.

We have already called attention to the importance of the work that is likely to come before this Conference. Among many other things to be considered are these:

1. Home Mission Work.
2. Foreign Mission Work.
3. The Publishing Interests.
4. Ashland University and Educational Interests in General.
5. Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor.
6. Our Young People's Work.
7. Sunday School Work.
8. Systematic Giving.
9. Governmental Expediency.
10. The Missionary Circle.
11. Cooperation with other Organizations.
12. Ministerial Qualifications.
13. Systematic Bible study.
14. State and National Organization.
15. Miscellaneous Business.

These items are noted unofficially. We have no authority to say that these things will come before our Conference, but we believe they will and ought to.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

In company with Brother Cassel and Sisters Beachly and Masters, we left New Enterprise Sabbath afternoon and enjoyed a delightful ride of fifteen miles across the country to Everett, the home of Sister Masters. Here we spent the night and until ten o'clock next day. Of the kindness of Sister Masters and her family we need not speak; the hospitality of the family is known to all who have formed their acquaintance. Brother Masters, tho a member of the Methodist church, is greatly interested in the cause of the

Brethren as well as that of his own communion. He is one of those liberal-minded, yet true Christian gentlemen, whose association always impresses one anew with the world wide movement and universality of Christianity. This was the first time it was our privilege to meet with the family in their home. The reader will find it a model home, a home where God is honored and his name hallowed by the reading of His word, the voice of prayer and above all by consistent Christian lives. The Lord bless them and keep them faithful.

At Cumberland, Md., we joined brother Wise who was also on his way to the Conference. The cars were crowded with German Baptist people on their way to Annual Meeting which was held at Frederick, Md., the same week. Many of these people were old acquaintances of ours and we spent the time very pleasantly. Time has healed up many old wounds and removed prejudices which formerly barred free intercourse and exchange of thought between the two communions which today are so nearly alike that one is made to wonder why there should be two separate organizations. We have it from good authority that two German Baptist Elders filled the pulpit for Brother Knepper of Berlin, on his return from Conference. Many of our readers can easily recall the days when such things were followed by ecclesiastical and social ostracism. There are yet congregations where the same iron clad rules would be rigidly enforced but they are growing less in number each year and it is to be hoped that time will eventually eradicate all these differences and bring the two communions into closer fellowship.

At Harper's Ferry we had a wait of about five hours and in company with Brethren Cassel and Wise we climbed the hill with a view of making some observations and take in, as we say, the "lay of the land," tho in reality the land does not "lay," it "stands up." We realized the fact that we were now on historic ground. We stood and gazed and wondered. Parts of three States were open to our view, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. By our side were the remains of trenches where soldiers while on duty found refuge from the enemy's fire. The town of Harper's Ferry stands at the confluence of two streams, the Potomac and the Shenandoah, on the right bank of the former and on the left bank of the latter. On the highest point between these two streams one has a beautiful outlook. Towering above this point of observation are two tall steep mountains, one to the left and one to the right with a beautiful stream flowing along the foot of each. Looking to the east